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## PART II.

### OFFICIAL PAPERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

**Food Situation for the week ending 4th September 1920.**

*Brief abstract of the special reports regarding the food situation for the week ending 4th September* 1920.

*Bangalore City.*—During the week under report, 127 carts of ragi and 22 carts of paddy came into the bazaar as against 105 carts of ragi and 18 carts of paddy in the previous week.

The price of ragi ranged from Rs. 84 to Rs. 88 per cart during the week, against Rs. 85 to Rs. 90 per cart in the previous week.

There is sufficient stock of rice and ragi in the bazaar for consumers.

The four Test Depots are selling Rangoon rice to the poor. The importers are also selling rice to the public at their depots.

*Mysore City.*—Report not received.

*Bangalore District.*—The rainfall during this week was on the whole scanty, except at Nelamangala, Anekal and Closepet where it was sufficient.

More rain is wanted all over the district.

Sowing of horse gram is going on and the raiyats are busily engaged in harrowing and weeding operations.

Standing crops are reported to be fairly in good condition.

There was a demand for takavi loans for seed ragi in the Hoskote Taluk, which has been met.

The markets are fairly well supplied, but the prices continue high. Local rice sells at 3½ to 4½ seers a rupee and ragi at 6¼ to 8 seers a rupee.

Burma rice is available in Government Depots and Co-operative Societies at 4½ seers a rupee.

*Mysore District.*—No change as regards food of which plenty is available at the usual high prices. There has been fairly good rain in the taluks of Malvalli, Chamrajnagar, French Rocks, Mandya and Seringapatam.

There have been slight rains in Mysore, Gundlupet and T.-Narsipur.

More rain is required.

Crops are fairly good on the whole, and very good in some places. The jola crop harvested in Chamrajnagar is exceptionally good.

*Tumkur District.*—There has been no change in the food situation in the district during the week. More rain is wanted in Tiptur and Sira Taluks. Prices continue to be high as in the previous week.

*Kolar District.*—The situation is unchanged.

*Hassan District.*—There was a slight rainfall in some parts of the district during the week.

The markets were fairly supplied with food grains. Standing crops are generally in a good condition. There was pretty good rainfall in almost all parts of the Arsikere Taluk during the week.

Prices of food grains continue to be high. Price of horse gram shows a tendency to rise in the Hole-Narsipur Taluk.

The prospects of the season are generally good for the present. More rain is urgently required in the Hassan, Arsikere, Hole-Narsipur and Channarayapatna Taluks and in the maidan parts of Belur Taluk.

*Shimoga District.*—The food situation remains the same as in the previous week.

The stock of Burma rice is practically exhausted in the District Depot and as the situation in the maidan taluks is reported to be far from satisfactory, an indent for 200 bags of Burma rice has been sent.

*Kadur District.*—Food stuffs were available in all the markets of the district, but the prices rule high as usual.

Rain is wanted in the the maidan parts of Chikmagalur Taluk and in the Kadur Taluk and also in the Narasimharajapura Sub-Taluk.

*Chitaldrug District.*—There was not much rain during the week.

Fodder-scarcity in the taluks of Hiriyur, Challakere and Molakalmuru is being keenly felt. The prices of food grains continue the same. Heavy rains are urgently required.

*General (by Food Controller).*—The rainfall during the week was scanty and more rain is required in almost all parts of the State.

Markets are reported to be fairly well supplied. Prices of rice and ragi are steady.

The issue of Burma rice from the Provincial Grain Depot to Co-operative Societies and in limited quantities to individuals for domestic consumption is being continued. The sale of Burma rice in the four Municipal Test Depots in Bangalore City is being continued. Some merchants have come forward to take up portions of the Burma rice to be imported in September.

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*Chief Secretary to Government.*

## Revision of Assessment.

READ—

Government Order No. 6820-32—R. 1193, dated 22nd March 1880, sanctioning the original settlement of 444 villages of the late Lakvalli Taluk.

2. Letter No. 74, dated 27th September 1919, from the Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Settlements in Mysore, submitting proposals for the resettlement of 106 villages (including three new villages since formed) referred to in the order read above (printed as accompaniment).

3. Correspondence ending with letter No. 10, dated 12th July 1920, from the same officer, forwarding certain objection petitions presented by the concerned raiyats in respect of the revised rates proposed by him and recommending that as the said objections are not based on valid grounds, the revised rates proposed by him, which have been agreed to by the Revenue Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District, may be sanctioned.

ORDER No. R. 3564-75—L. S. 21-19-6, DATED BANGALORE, 11TH SEPTEMBER 1920.

The proposals relate to the revision of the assessment of 106 villages which are distributed as follows:—

| | |
|---|---|
| 55 | villages in Narasimharajapura Sub-Taluk. |
| 30 | ,, in Tarikere Taluk. |
| 14 | ,, in Chikmagalur Taluk. |
| 7 | ,, in Shimoga Taluk. |
| 106 | |

2. The tract covers an area of 490 square miles and is mostly malnad in nature, being made up of numerous hills and large forests. The climate is healthy in the open tracts, the hilly portions being unhealthy. The average rainfall varies from 66 to 43 inches, the heaviest being recorded in the Jagur valley, which is notoriously unhealthy. The soil is generally poor.

3. The Tunga and the Bhadra rivers with numerous other hill streams form the chief source of water supply, though much benefit is not derived from them as the rivers are not perennial and flow on low beds. There are only 611 major and 611 minor tanks most of which are unrestored.

4. Rice and sugar-cane of an inferior quality are the principal wet crops while there is very little dry cultivation. The gardens are said to be of an inferior kind, the principal crop raised being areca, plantains, cardamom and other spices. Coffee is also cultivated in the taluk from very early times and extends over 25,664 acres, the plantations of the Jagar valley being reported to be of the best kind.

5. The taluk is fairly well off in point of roads. Four new important roads having been added to the two old ones existing at the time of the original settlement. Additional facilities have been afforded by the opening of the Tarikere-Narasimharajapura Tramway which has thrown open the whole tract except the Jagar valley.

6. The population has been almost normal since the original settlement, being 22,457 in 1,871 and 22,513 in 1911.

7. Since the original settlement there has been a steady improvement in the Agricultural resources of the taluk as noted in the margin. The value of land has risen while the prices of food grains also have gone up appreciably the increases being 75 per cent in the price of rice, 25 per cent in ragi and 122 per cent in the case of supari. The Revenue history of the taluk has also been satisfactory during the current settlement. The area under occupation has increased by 3,492 acres or about 18 per cent.

| | Increase |
|---|---|
| Houses | 39 per cent |
| Cattle | 5 ,, |
| Carts | 198 ,, |
| Ploughs | 21 ,, |

8. The Survey Superintendent proposes to revise the existing rates as shown below, keeping intact the original grouping of the villages into four classes with a slight difference in the grouping of wet and dry lands.—

| Land | | Maximum rate per acre | | Average rate per acre | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Original | Revised | Original | Revised |
| | | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. |
| Wet group | I | 5 4 0 | 5 12 0 | 2 7 11 | 2 11 6 |
| | II | 4 12 0 | 5 4 0 | 2 4 11 | 2 8 10 |
| | III | 4 4 0 | 4 12 0 | 2 0 9 | 2 4 3 |
| | IV | 3 12 0 | 4 0 0 | 2 5 5 | 2 7 11 |
| Dry | I | 1 4 0 | 1 8 0 | 0 9 7 | 0 11 6 |
| | II | 1 0 0 | 1 4 0 | 0 6 8 | 0 8 7 |
| | III | 0 12 0 | 1 0 0 | 0 3 2 | 0 3 2 |
| | IV | 0 8 0 | 0 8 0 | 0 3 1 | 0 3 1 |
| Garden | I | 16 0 0 | 12 0 0 | 7 11 0 | 6 12 4 |
| | II | 16 0 0 | 12 0 0 | 10 0 2 | 9 0 4 |
| | III | 14 0 0 | 12 0 0 | 9 6 5 | 9 5 0 |
| | IV | 14 0 0 | 12 0 0 | 4 0 0 | 2 1 9 |
| | | General average. | | 2 2 3 | 2 5 4 |

The above proposals involve an increase of Re. 0-3-1 in the general average rate per acre and are estimated to result in the aggregate in an increase of Rs. 5,596 or 11·21 per cent over the present annual revenue.

9. The Revenue Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District are agreeable to the moderate increases proposed by the Survey Superintendent. In response to the procedure of notifying the revised rates in the areas concerned, prescribed in Government Order No. R. 5791-800—L. S. 7-18-11, dated 18th November 1919, the raiyats of Vagade Kanur, and Hunasahalli and one or two other villages in the Kadur District, have objected to the increase in the rates on the ground of poor yield, want of road facilities, insufficient rainfall, etc. The above reasons are of too general a nature to receive any detailed consideration. The moderate character of the revised rates is borne out by the fact that only about six out of 106 villages have had any objections to urge in the matter. The rates now proposed by the Survey Superintendent are moderate; they compare favourably with those prevailing in the adjoining tracts, and are also fully justified by the material prosperity of the taluk under the several heads detailed above during the currency of the present settlement. Government are accordingly pleased to sanction the Survey Superintendent's proposals in their entirity.

10. The revised rates will be announced as soon as possible and brought into force from the year 1921-22 with the usual guarantee of thirty years.

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To—The Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Settlements.
The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Comptroller to Government.
The Director of Agriculture.
The Deputy Commissioners of Kadur and Shimoga Districts.
The Deputy Commissioners of other Districts.
PRESS TABLE.

## Commutation of Pensions.

*Order No. Fl.* 1979—*S. & A.* 90-20-1, *dated* 11*th September* 1920.

Applications for commutation of pensions will not be entertained until further orders.

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